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New York City...

QUICKLY--TO THE CHURCH. WE MUST ASSEMBLE OUR CONGREGATION.

FOOT SOLDIERS, OUR MOMENT OF FORMIDABLE RISE PRESENTS ITSELF.

BANE HAS DECLARED THE TIME OF HIS CITY TO BE NIGH. HIS ELITE ARE REQUIRED.

ARM YOURSELVES! IN FORMATION! TONIGHT, EVERY PRECINCT OF THE SO-CALLED POLICE WILL CRUMBLE UNDER OUR BOOT HEELS. THE BONES WE CRUSH WILL FALL LIKE SAND THROUGH OUR FINGERS.

MASTER...OUR BASE HAS BEEN COMPROMISED.

A FOOL'S QUEST! THEY WILL HAVE FACED THE OVERWHELMING STRENGTH OF--

THE ELITE HAVE FALLEN.

HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?

YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW?

I THINK YOU NEED TO REDEFINE "OVERWHELMING STRENGTH."

A KNIGHT IN NEW YORK

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YOU'RE WEAK COMPARED TO ME. BRITTLE LIKE ALL THE OTHERS. SEE, I'VE BEEN TO ALL OF YOUR LITTLE HIDEOUTS. I'VE LEFT THEM ALL ***BROKEN.***

ALL SO I COULD FIND YOU AND FINISH THIS.

YOU KNOW NOT WHAT YOU'RE PLAYING WITH...

NO. THERE'S NO MORE TRICKS. NO MORE TOYS. THIS ISN'T A GAME FOR ME ANYMORE...

...I'M GOING TO TEAR YOU LIMB FROM LIMB!

DONATELLO, STAND DOWN!

IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD, BRO.

THWOK

GGRRAAH!

I HAD HIM! LET ME FINISH THIS!

YOU NEED TO BACK THE HELL OFF, NOW.

WE ARE NOT HERE TO FIGHT YOU.

DONNIE, WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU. IT'S TOO--

THIS IS FAR FROM OVER--YOU WILL ANSWER TO BANE FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE!

KRRSH

HE'S GETTING AWAY! YOU LET THIS HAPPEN!

DONNIE, YOU NEED TO STOP--IT'S NOT YOU DOING THIS!

LISTEN TO YOUR BROTHER, DONATELLO! THE VENOM'S GETTING INTO YOUR MIND. IN A STATE LIKE THIS, BANE COULD TEAR YOU IN TWO!

I'M GOING TO TEAR YOU IN TWO!

IT'S THE VENOM, DONATELLO--IT'S FEEDING INTO YOUR ANGER. YOUR RAGE.

HNNG!

THAKK

YOU NEED TO FOCUS. SEE PAST THE DRUG. CONTROL IT.

DON'T MAKE US DO IT FOR YOU...

YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO ME!

AND I THOUGHT *RAPH* HAD A TEMPER.

RAPHAEL...

HONESTLY, ROBIN? SAVE IT. THE ONLY REASON I'M NOT KICKING YOUR LITTLE BIRD BUTT RIGHT NOW IS OUT OF RESPECT FOR MY FATHER.

THAT'S WHY I'M HERE, TOO.

THERE'S A LOT OF RAGE IN ME. I KNOW THAT. I WAS RAISED BY KILLERS TO CULTIVATE IT. HOLD IT IN ME...

MY FATHER...HE'S THE ONE WHO PULLS ME BACK TO THE LIGHT. I CAN TELL MASTER SPLINTER DOES THAT FOR YOU AS WELL.

APRIL... SHE SAYS HE MIGHT NOT MAKE IT.

"THAT'S WHY I NEED YOU TO COME WITH ME. AND FAST."

I THINK WE'RE JUST ABOUT ALL SET ONCE WE MAKE CONTACT WITH THE OTHER SIDE.

SIGH. OHHH BOY. I'M GETTING JITTERS. WHY AM I GETTING JITTERS?

I LOVE VIDEO GAMES. THIS IS JUST LIKE A VIDEO GAME. RIGHT?

TELL ME THIS IS GONNA WORK, APRIL.

CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT I DON'T KNOW, MIKEY.

BUT WE CAN SURE *HOPE.*

=FZZT= DO YOU COPY? =FZZT=

YES? HELLO? THIS IS APRIL O'NEIL, WE READ YOU!

THIS IS BATGIRL. WE'VE PREPARED THE PORTAL TO ROBIN'S SPECIFICATIONS...

...BUT WE'RE ONLY GOING TO BE ABLE TO KEEP IT OPEN FOR A FEW MINUTES, OR IT'LL FRY THE SYSTEM.

ROGER THAT, BATGIRL. WE'LL MAKE IT COUNT.

FIRE IT UP, APRIL. WE'RE READY.

LET'S DO THIS.

HOLD ON, FATHER...

WE WILL FIX THIS.

G'LUCK, KID.

WHEN MY FATHER RETURNS, TELL HIM WE WON'T BE LATE.

YOU'RE OUTTA YOUR MIND, DONNIE--YOU NEED TO CHILL! WE'RE NOT YOUR ENEMIES!

NO, YOU'RE JUST ***JEALOUS.*** YOU LIKED IT WHEN I WAS WEAKER, WITHOUT THE VENOM. NOW YOU KNOW I DON'T ***NEED*** YOU ANYMORE.

I DON'T NEED ***ANYONE!***

DONNIE, WHAT WOULD ***FATHER*** SAY? WHAT WOULD HE THINK IF HE SAW YOU LIKE THIS?

FATHER ***CAN'T*** THINK! THAT'S MY FAULT, LEO. I WON'T SIT IDLE WHILE FATHER SLIPS AWAY!

REVENGE WILL ***NEVER*** SOLVE ANYTHING, DONATELLO.

TRUST ME. I'VE SPENT MY WHOLE LIFE LEARNING THAT LESSON.

RRRAAGH! YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ***HOW I FEEL!*** WHAT IT'S LIKE TO ***KNOW*** HOW TO WIN A FIGHT, BUT NOT BE ABLE TO DO IT WITHOUT HELP.

I CAN FINALLY ***DO*** THIS ALL ON MY OWN.

AND IF YOU =HRNG= KEEP ON THIS PATH, IT WILL ONLY BRING CHAOS AND MAYHEM TO YOUR LIFE AND THOSE AROUND YOU...

"...YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, DONATELLO. IT'S TOO LATE TO PUNCH BACK.

"BANE'S SIEGE HAS BEGUN. LIBERTY ISLAND IS HIS *NOW*.

"SOON, THE ENTIRE CITY WILL FALL TO ITS KNEES BEFORE ONE OF THE DEADLIEST PSYCHOPATHS I HAVE EVER KNOWN.

"HIS GROUND ATTACK IS IMMINENT. BUT THAT'S JUST THE SHOW. HE WANTS THE PEOPLE TO SEE HOW STRONG HIS MEN ARE.

"HE WANTS THE PEOPLE TO FEAR THEM, AND TURN TO HIM, DESPERATE TO TAKE THAT STRENGTH THEMSELVES.

"HIS GREATEST WEAPON ISN'T HIS FIST, DONNIE. IT'S THE VENOM RUNNING THROUGH YOUR VEINS. HE'S NEVER HAD THIS MUCH OF IT, AND IT'S NEVER BEEN THIS POTENT BEFORE. STOCKMAN'S VARIANT ACTS FAST AND IS HIGHLY ADDICTIVE.

"FIRST BANE WILL MAKE THE PEOPLE SCREAM FOR IT, AND THEN HE'LL GIVE IT TO THEM. BY CONTROLLING ITS FLOW INTO THE CITY, HE'LL MAKE PEOPLE DESPERATE AND LOYAL. THEY'LL BE HIS PRISONERS."

I CAN'T STOP HIM WITH MY FISTS. WE DIDN'T COME HERE JUST TO PULL YOU OFF THE WRONG PATH. WE CAME HERE BECAUSE WE'RE UP AGAINST THE END OF THIS CITY.

WE CAME BECAUSE WE NEED ***YOU***, DONATELLO. WE NEED A ***GENIUS***.

NO! YOU'RE JUST AFRAID OF THE POWER I HAVE NOW. THE OLD DONNIE WAS PITIFUL!

DOES IT LOOK LIKE I NEED YOUR PITY ANYMORE?

FWAM

DAMN IT, BATMAN. HE'S NOT LISTENING. HE'S TOO FAR GONE!

GET OUT OF MY WAY BEFORE YOU GET HURT, LEO.

I WON'T WARN YOU AGAIN, BROTHER.

THE OLD DONNIE IS STILL INSIDE. SOMEWHERE. THE VENOM IS ONLY AMPLIFYING HIS RAGE AND FRUSTRATION.

THEN I THINK IT'S TIME FOR THAT LAST TRICK UP OUR SLEEVES. SHOW HIM THE FORMULA, BATMAN.

Underneath Gotham City...

GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT...ALL OF YOU.

WE'RE GOING TO NEED EVERY HAND WE CAN GET.

TAKE CAUTION, RAPHAEL. THE ***LAZARUS PIT*** WILL HEAL SPLINTER, BUT ITS PROPERTIES WILL ***RAVAGE*** HIS MIND WHEN HE EMERGES.

HOW LONG WILL THE SIDE EFFECTS LAST?

MAYBE A FEW HOURS. MAYBE A FEW DAYS.

REGARDLESS, HE'LL COME OUT UNCONTROLLABLY MAD.

AND BLOODTHIRSTY.

MY FATHER IS THE MOST SKILLED NINJA I'VE EVER KNOWN...

THEN WE NEED TO BE READY FOR *ANYTHING.*

WHY ARE YOU SHOWING ME THIS? I KNOW WHAT VENOM'S MOLECULAR STRUCTURE LOOKS LIKE. STOP WASTING MY TIME.

YOU'RE NOT A BRUTE, DONATELLO. YOU'RE A SCIENTIST.

BATMAN SAYS THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE VENOM. NOBODY KNOWS STOCKMAN'S FORMULAS LIKE YOU. *LOOK*, BRO.

IT'S...DYING...STOCKMAN'S VENOM USES AN UNSTABLE CHEMICAL CHAIN. THIS IS WILDLY DIFFERENT FROM THE INTEL WE HAD ON THE ORIGINAL VENOM FROM BATMAN'S WORLD...

IF YOU USED A BASIC INHIBITOR, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO FLUSH IT FROM ITS HOST SYSTEM IN A MATTER OF MINUTES...

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN FIGURE THIS ALL OUT, DONNIE. SEE? WE NEED YOU.

SO YOU CAN USE YOUR STRENGTH AND FISTS AGAINST THEM. MAYBE YOU'LL EVEN WIN...

...OR WE CAN WORK TOGETHER--YOU CAN USE YOUR GIFT, YOUR TRUE STRENGTH--AND BEAT THEM ALL AT ONCE.

...

Liberty Island...

HEH. TAKE A GOOD LOOK OUT THERE. POOR FOOLS DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GONNA HIT 'EM.

PRETTY SOON IT'S ALL GONNA GO TA HELL. AN' WE GOT THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE.

I AM READY, STOCKMAN. FOR YOUR SAKE, I HOPE YOU ARE TOO.

A GRAND ENTRANCE IS A POWERFUL TOOL. FIRST IMPRESSIONS CAN PAINT THE MOST INDELIBLE PORTRAIT.

YESSS... READY, READY. EVERYTHING ISSS HNNG IN PLACE...

IF ONLY THE PEOPLE OF NEW YORK CITY KNEW THEIR PACIFIED EXISTENCE IS FLEETING.

SOON, THEY WILL BEG FOR MY VENOM.

STOCKMAN.

LIGHTSSS... CAMERA...→ACK!← ACTIONNN...

WHU--? DUDES! WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED?
FATHER'S BACK, MIKEY.
YES. IT WAS MILDLY TUMULTUOUS, BUT MY PLAN WAS EXECUTED PERFECTLY.
OH HOLY *CRAP.*
DONNIE? IS THAT YOU, MAN? WHAT KINDA NEW WORKOUT PLAN ***YOU*** ON?
FATHER, I'M SO GLA--
WE'VE BROUGHT YOUR BROTHER BACK. TRY NOT TO BE ALARMED.
THE KIND YOU DON'T WANT TO TRY.
IT'S ALL GOOD, GUYS--THE VENOM'S JUST TEMPORARY.
STILL THE SAME OL' BRILLIANT DONNIE WE KNOW AND LOVE.
YOU BROUGHT MY SON BACK. I AM ETERNALLY GRATEFUL, BATMAN.
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU WELL, MASTER SPLINTER.
FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH...SUPER MAGIC MUSCLE POTIONS...
...THIS IS SOME SERIOUSLY WEIRD STUFF WE'VE GOT GOING ON, EVEN FOR ***US.***
HEY! SO, I'M BATGIRL. AS YOU CAN SEE...FROM THE GEAR.
NIGHTWING.
LEONARDO. I DIG YOUR COLOR SCHEME.
SO THIS LAZARUS PIT OF YOURS...

IT'S AS DANGEROUS AS IT IS LIFE-SAVING, LEONARDO.

I MUST SAY I'M IMPRESSED, MASTER SPLINTER...

"...THE LAZARUS PIT INDUCES SEVERE MADNESS, YET YOU'VE PUSHED THROUGH IT IN A WAY I'VE NEVER WITNESSED."

HISSSS!

YES, BATMAN-- I CREDIT MY COMMAND OF ZEN MEDITATION.

UHH, GUYS. LOOK.

CITIZENS OF NEW YORK...

YOU CANNOT DEAFEN MY WORDS. THERE IS NO ESCAPE FROM MY MESSAGE. MY VOICE WILL REVERBERATE WITHIN YOUR SIMPLE MINDS.

I NOW HAVE YOUR FULL ATTENTION.

OH NO. THIS CAN'T BE GOOD.

LEO...I NEED YOU TO CALMLY PASS ME THE REMOTE CONTROL.

YOU MAY NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH ME RIGHT NOW, IN THIS MOMENT BATTERED BY THE HURRICANE OF CHANGE, BUT THAT IS ENTIRELY BY DESIGN...

...FOR NOTHING COULD HAVE PREPARED YOU TO COMPREHEND MY POWER UNTIL YOUR EYES LAID UPON IT.

I AM **BANE.** TO SOME OF YOU, MY VISAGE MAY SERVE AS YOUR SALVATION. TO OTHERS, THE MERE WHISPER OF MY NAME WILL BRING THIS EARTH DOWN AROUND YOU.

THE SOUND OF MY VOICE--THE VISION YOU SEE BEFORE YOU--IS NOW INDELIBLE IN YOUR HISTORY. I GRANT YOU, HOWEVER, ONE FINAL MORSEL OF REPRIEVE.

THE PRETTY LITTLE LIGHTS OF YOUR CITY HAVE BLINDED YOU. YOU CANNOT SEE WHAT HAS BEEN IN FRONT OF YOU YOUR ENTIRE LIVES.

I WILL SHOW YOU. GRANT YOU A MOMENT'S MERCY. BANE SHALL OPEN YOUR EYES.

NEW YORK IS NO HAVEN. YOUR DREAMS BEGIN AND END WITH THE DIRT UNDER YOUR FEET.

THIS CITY IS A **PRISON.** HOLDING YOU AGAINST YOUR WILL. CONFINED. ETERNAL.

YOU CANNOT ESCAPE THIS PRISON...BUT I **CAN** OFFER YOU FREEDOM. ALL YOUR PRECONCEIVED STRENGTH--YOUR POWER--BELONGS TO ME NOW.

SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO RISE AGAINST YOUR OPPRESSORS, I WILL LEAD YOU. I WILL GRANT YOU THE POWER YOU SO DESPERATELY NEED.

MY ARMY IS ALREADY PREPARED AND FORMIDABLE ENOUGH TO CONQUER. THOSE OF YOU WITH THE SPIRIT AND THE WILL TO JOIN US...

...GATHER AT LIBERTY ISLAND AND PROVE YOUR WORTH TO ME.

SHOULD YOU CHOOSE INCARCERATION, YOU ARE--AS OF THIS MOMENT--STANDING IN OUR WAY.

AND YOU WILL BE TRAMPLED. I WILL INHALE THE DUST FROM YOUR BONES.

...IT SOUNDS SIMPLE, BUT THAT'S BECAUSE IT IS. LIKE ANY TOXIN, THERE EXISTS ANTITOXINS THAT CAN FIGHT IT--NATURE USUALLY HAS A RESPONSE, YOU'VE JUST GOT TO ***FIND*** IT. OR, IN MY CASE, BUILD IT.

WITH A LITTLE REVERSE CHEMICAL ENGINEERING, I'VE CONCOCTED A SYNTHESIS GAS--AN ***ANTI-VENOM***-- TO COUNTERACT BANE'S RAGE COCKTAIL.

THERE'S JUST ONE HOLE IN YOUR PLAN, DONATELLO-- IF WE DO USE THE ANTI-VENOM GAS, YOU'LL BE THE FIRST TO REVERT.

ALL WE GOTTA DO IS DEPLOY IT ACROSS THE ENTIRE CITY...

YEAH, DONNIE, I DON'T UNDERSTAND A SINGLE THING YOU JUST SAID.

I CAN'T STOP LOOKING AT YOU. YOU'RE ***HUGE***, DUDE. LIKE, YOUR VEINS HAVE VEINS.

HE'S SAYING WE WANDER OUT INTO A HORDE OF SUPERHUMAN BRUTES, THROW A GAS BOMB AND HOPE IT ALL WORKS OUT.

I KNOW, BATGIRL.

I REALIZE NOW THAT'S FOR THE BEST.

=HNNG!= THIS IS ALMOST AS BAD AS WHEN IT WAS =MMF= GOING IN...

IT'S =GUHH= WORKING... ***FAST***...

=NNNG= MY BODY FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN RUN OVER BY A TRUCK...

...BUT IT'S GOOD TO =MMMF= FEEL LIKE ***ME*** AGAIN.

THERE'S JUST ONE PROBLEM-- WE STILL CAN'T DEFEAT THE FOOT CLAN WITHOUT POWER. UNLESS... WE CAN ***TURN*** THEM.

BUT THEY'LL ONLY TURN TO SOMEONE STRONGER THAN BANE.

YOU'RE RIGHT, NIGHTWING...

"...SO LET'S FIND THAT SOMEONE."

THAT'S IT, SHEEPLE-- ***MARCH!*** PILE ON IN! PLENTY A ROOM FER MORE, KEEP 'EM COMIN'!

GIMME YER TIRED! YER POOR! YER HUDDLED MASSES ITCHIN' TA SERVE BANE *HWAH HWAH!*

WELCOME TO THA ***NEW*** NEW YORK...THE ***NEWEST*** YORK! THE NAME'S ***BEBOP,*** AND I'LL BE ONE'A YER TOUR GUIDES THROUGH THIS HERE ***MAYHEM.***

KEEP YER ARMS TO YERSELF AT ALL TIMES, UNLESS WE TELL YA TO SMASH SOMETHIN'. WHEN ***ROCKSTEADY*** GIVES AN ORDER, YOU BEST GET TA DOIN' IT.

REMEMBER THOSE NAMES, GRUNTS. YOU'RE PROPERTY OF BANE NOW.

AN' HE'S PROB'LY GONNA MAKE US THE PRESIDENTS OF AUSTRALIA, OR DETROIT OR SOMETHIN'.

"GET TA STEPPIN', GRUNTS! THIS'S YER ONLY CHANCE. I SUGGEST YA TAKE IT!"

Riker's Island.

HNNG!

I SUSPECT YOU'LL NEED THIS.

I...

FTHUD

...I WAS WONDERING WHEN YOU WOULD COME FOR ME.

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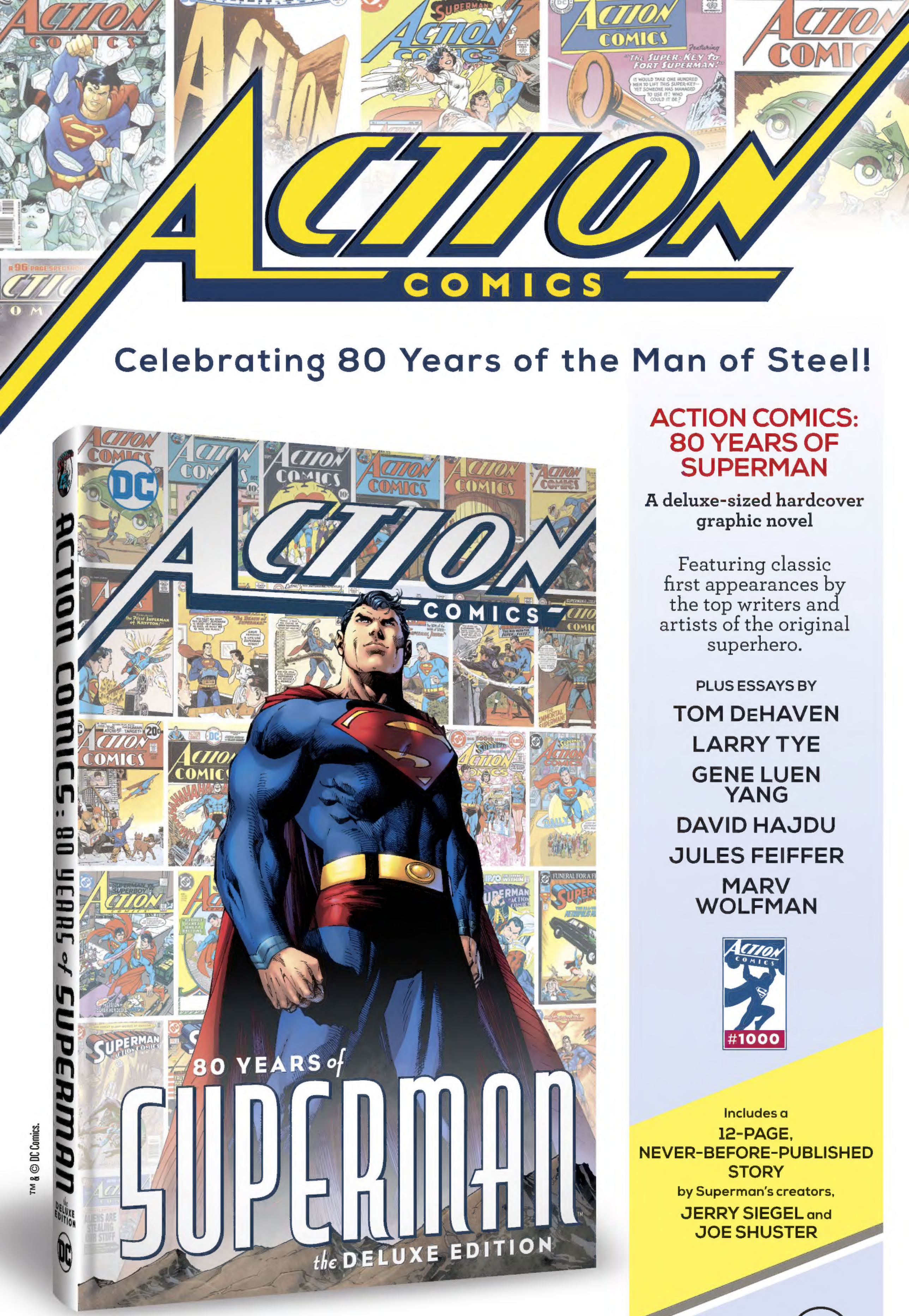
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